

# Granborough Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Granborough Parish Council

Held via Zoom on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2020

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**Attendees:** Cllr Ellerton (Item 55 onwards), Cllr Marchant, Cllr Oakland (Chair), Cllr Smedley, Cllr B Watson, Cllr L Watson, Clerk Tors Firth, Bucks Cllr Chilver, Cllr Monger, Cllr Renshell, and 6 members of the public.

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- 52. Apologies;** Buckinghamshire Cllrs Stanier and Raven offered apologies.
- 53. Open Forum for Parishioners;** Various comments were made about planning application 20/02071/APP by members of the public, the applicant and his representative.
- 54. Interests:** No declarations of interests were made.
- 55. Declaration of Acceptance of Office;** Hugh Ellerton signed the declaration and joined the meeting from item 56 onwards.  
**Action:** Hugh will send the document to the Clerk for a witness signature.
- 56. Minutes;**  
**Resolved:** To accept the Minutes from the 16<sup>th</sup> June 2020 as a true record.
- 57. Finance;**
- a. **Resolved:** Payments 24 to 28 inclusive were ratified, please see Appendix A.
  - b. **Resolved:** To extend Zoom membership by another 2 months **Action:** Clerk
- 58. Planning**
- a. **Resolved;** To agree a response of "Object" to application 20/02071/APP at Stately Stables on Winslow Road for change of use of land for siting of 1 mobile home for residential use by Gypsy/Traveller family (retrospective). The following reasons are given and will be expanded upon within the formal response;
    - i. The Council considers the retrospective and previously developed status are incorrect, as at the time of application there was no development
    - ii. The site is outside of the developed footprint of the village and is not substantially enclosed by other built development
    - iii. This proposal does not recognise the intrinsic beauty of the countryside and is harmful to the openness of the agricultural land on which it is located
    - iv. The proposal would have an unacceptable impact on the neighbouring residential community, including but not limited to, light and noise pollution
    - v. The Parish Council can see no evidence of a connection to a sewage system
    - vi. The Longacres site referred to by the applicant was for a temporary rural workers dwelling, required for sustaining an equestrian business, and is not therefore comparable.

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Should the application receive approval, the Parish Council would request the following conditions;

- vii. That permission is strictly limited to the siting of one mobile home to a size, design and external appearance as approved by the Local Planning Authority and that no other mobile home (including touring vans) shall be sited permanently on the property by any person including the applicant.
- viii. That permission is specific to the applicant and his immediate family, and that the residential use ceases if the applicant disposes of the property
- ix. That permission is temporary, for a period of no more than 3 years
- x. That the mobile home is situated away from the residential houses on Winslow Road and in Bates Close to prevent noise and other disturbances
- xi. That the mobile home is not occupied until it is connected to an approved drainage system.

The Parish Council further resolves to request that should the Planning Officer be minded to approve this application under delegated powers, it shall be "called in" by a Buckinghamshire Council Member for consideration at a Planning Development Committee meeting. **Action:** The Clerk will forward this request to Cllr L Monger with justification as set out above.

- b. **Confirmed;** A status update obtained from the planning portal is included in Appendix B.

### 59. Buckinghamshire Council: Highways, Footpaths & Footways

- a. **New Issues;** A flooding issue was raised with Fixmystreet Ref: 40136228. The Local Area Technician determined the cause to be blockage of the drainage ditch. The owner has been contacted and agreed to cut back the hedge by 1<sup>st</sup> August after which TfB will arrange for the ditch to be cleared. We are asked to note that ditch clearance is usually the responsibility of the land owner. **Action:** Hugh to confirm when the ditch is cleared so that the Clerk can inform Highways.
- b. **Updates on outstanding issues from Highways;**
  - i. **Ref: 200493131** broken footbridge; the fault is awaiting processing
  - ii. **Ref: 40129983** verge damage Winslow Road, **Action:** Hugh will confirm to the Clerk that this is still outstanding.
  - iii. **Ref: 40130505 & 40130506** damaged horse warning signs; no progress

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- iv. **Ref: 40132565** dropped kerb installation on Winslow Road; Mr Sullivan has confirmed that repairs will be carried out in consultation with Bucks Council.
        - c. **Cycle Path Request;** In response to the Governments promise of funding to help create cycling and walking routes, a Granborough Resident has asked local MP Greg Smith to help Granborough obtain funds. Greg Smith has taken the request to Cabinet Member for Transport, Nick Naylor who responded as follows; "I can confirm that this request for improved routes in Granborough and improved connections to neighbouring villages, such as North Marston, has been shared with the officers of Buckinghamshire Council who are leading on the creation of pedestrian and cycling links. All requests are recorded and this request is now included." Requests are plentiful and will be assessed against criteria to determine which projects will proceed. **Action:** Hugh will liaise with resident Heather Wright and keep Cllr Sue Renshell informed.
        - d. **Tree Planting on Winslow Road;** The Parish Council received a request to plant trees on the verge outside the new houses. It has been confirmed that the verge belongs to Buckinghamshire Council and as such any tree planting is subject to residents applying for a licence.
60. **Play Area;**
  - a. **Resolved:** Play Areas are only to reopen where government guidelines can be met. NALC will be engaging with the Government concerning the difficulty of the guidelines for small play areas where supervision is not employed. It is unfortunately necessary to await the outcome of these talks before reopening.  
**Action:** A combination lock is required to keep the play area locked, the combination should be made available to RTM for grass cutting.
  - b. **New Issues;** Inspection reports indicate no new issues requiring attention.
  - c. **Updates;**
    - i. Basketball Court Surface Repair; Andrew North has now been contacted and will provide a quote.
    - ii. Zipwire; RoSPA are unable to suggest a company who will dismantle the cable housing but reiterate that it will now be a requirement of their inspections to do so periodically. This has been raised on the SLCC Clerks forum; other than larger Parish Council's with Maintenance staff, nobody has been able to recommend a company that will dismantle a Zipwire.

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- iii. Rocker Seesaw; A welder and generator have been found, this issue should have been rectified on 7<sup>th</sup> July 2020. **Action:** Philip will confirm.

## 61. Street Lighting and Parish Council Assets

a. **New Issues;** None

b. **Updates;**

- i. Play Area Sign; the sign has been received **Action:** Philip will install the sign.
- ii. Memorial Bench and concrete plinth; awaiting a quote from Andrew North  
**Action:** Philip will make enquiries if a quote is nor forthcoming shortly.

## 62. Devolved Services;

The verge in front of the new houses on Winslow Road is owned by Buckinghamshire County Council and as such is part of the devolved services agreement for grass cutting. It is confirmed that there will be no landscaping by the developer, so the Parish Council need to seed the verge.

**Action:** Hugh to speak to the residents of the new homes, and to RTM about planting.

## 63. Website;

The Clerk has removed all external links from our website, which lead to unsecured websites in an effort to combat security warning notices by Norton software. Cllr Smedley has tested and been given a notice that security is under review.

## 64. Neighbourhood Plan;

A meeting took place on 6<sup>th</sup> July. A first draft plan will be written by the Consultant to be reviewed at the meeting in August. An update is being prepared to circulate to the village with Pew News.

## 65. Buckinghamshire Council Updates; None

## 66. Post and Consultations;

**The following communications have been logged;**

- a. Various Corona Virus Updates from local authorities
- b. 16/6 BEAG update on BBOWT support for Ox-Camb Expressway
- c. 19/6 Police & Crime Commissioners Update
- d. 24/6 Co-option permission to go ahead from Bucks Council
- e. 26/6 BALC link to an article on Ox-Camb Expressway
- f. 26/6 New Code of Conduct Consultation
- g. 29/6 BALC Meetings & Playgrounds Update
- h. 30/6 NBPPC AGM Minutes

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**67. Items for the Next Agenda;** None

**68. To confirm the date of the next meeting;** 15<sup>th</sup> September 2020

The meeting closed at 20:40

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **Appendix A – Payments Ratified**

Ref	Amount	Expenditure	VAT
24	£2,500.00	Village Hall Small Grant Payment	£0.00
25	£283.78	Reimburse Map Framing - T Marchant	£0.00
26	£14.39	Zoom Reimbursement - V Firth	£0.00
27	£***.**	Clerks Pay June	£0.00
28	£18.00	Bank Quarterly Charge	£0.00

## **Appendix B – Planning Update**

20/02071/APP Stately Stables change of use to residential for 1 traveller family; Awaiting Decision

20/01631/APP Demolition of Barn, replace with 2 detached dwellings, Awaiting Decision

20/01675/APP 19 Winslow Road, Extension for Annex; Awaiting Decision

20/01309/APP 6 Hogshaw Road, amendments to previous application; Approved

20/01275/ALB 2 Green End, repairs, roof lights, new doors; Listed Building Consent

20/00794/APP 19 Winslow Rd, agricultural store; Approved